

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, and 25-28 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 13, 26, and 28 are amended and claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 15, 16, 19, and 20 are canceled. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found, for example, in the specification, specifically on page 9, lines 16-23. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Clark et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,913,691) in view of Olarig et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,587,909); claims 2, 6, 14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Clark and Olarig and further in view of Heberlein et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,361,356); claims 3, 7, 15, 19, 26, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Clark and Olarig and further in view of Saitoh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,274,722); and claims 4, 8, 16 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Clark, Olarig and Heberlein and further in view of Saitoh.

By this Amendment, claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 15, 16, 19, and 20 are canceled, rendering their rejection moot. As to the remaining claims, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 is amended to contain the subject matter of canceled claim 3 and the additional features wherein the upper lid is fixed to the housing with a bolt and the prevention means restricts removal of the upper lid even when the bolt is removed, unless the attaching means is removed. Similarly, claim 13 is amended to contain the subject matter of canceled claim 15 and the same aforementioned additional features. Claims 1 and 13 are not rendered obvious by any combination of Clark, Olarig, or Saitoh. Claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 17, 18, 21, and 25-28 depend from claims 1 and 13, and thus, also are not rendered obvious by Clark, Olarig, and Saitoh. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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